

# PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD

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Application or Docket Number

10/709,250

## CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)
TOTAL CLAIMS		
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	58 minus 20 =	38
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3 minus 3 =	3
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT		<input type="checkbox"/>

\* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

## CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

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	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT A	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total	58	Minus	58 =
Independent	3	Minus	3 =
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM			<input type="checkbox"/>

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SMALL ENTITY TYPE ☐

OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE	285.00
X\$ 9=	
X40=	
+135=	
TOTAL	

RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE	770.00
X\$18=	684
X80=	
+270=	
TOTAL	1454

SMALL ENTITY

OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=	
X40=	
+135=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$18=	
X80=	
+270=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=	
X40=	
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X\$18=	
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X\$ 9=	
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+135=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$18=	
X80=	
+270=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

AMENDMENT B

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	
Total	39	Minus	58 =
Independent	4	Minus	3 =
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM			<input type="checkbox"/>

AMENDMENT C

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	
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Independent		Minus	=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM			<input type="checkbox"/>

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REDUCING PRESSURE IN A  
PERFORATING GUN**

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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action of February 16, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

Applicant has previously authorized payment of any additional fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 to deposit account number 50-0457.

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Reply to Office Action of 02/16/2006

1457 (Fed. Cir. 1998) citing *Sensonics, Inc. v. Aerosonic Corp.*, 81 F.3d 1566, 1570, 38 USPQ2d 1551, 1554 (Fed. Cir. 1996).

**Amended Independent Claim 52**

The Examiner acknowledged that claim 52 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 52 has been rewritten to include the limitations of previous base claim 1. Applicant has further amended claim 52 to address the informality noted by the Examiner. Applicant therefore requests that the rejection be withdrawn and that claim 52 and its dependent claims be noticed for allowance.

**Conclusion**

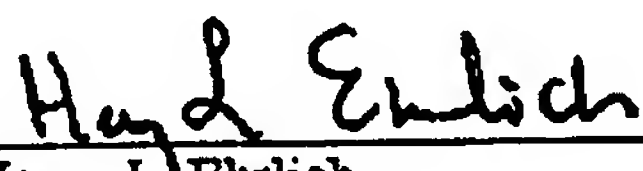
Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as amended herein are novel and unobvious. Applicant respectfully requests that the objections and rejections be withdrawn and a Notice of Allowance be mailed.

Respectfully submitted,

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